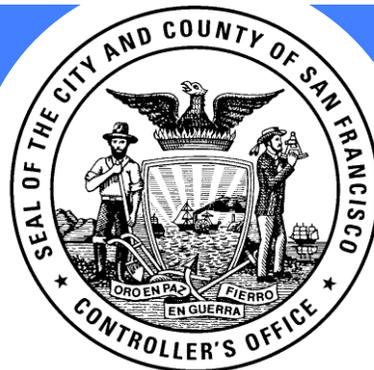


OCOH Oversight Committee Liaisons

Mental Health Recommendations

First Draft



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Mental Health Liaison and Team

Liaison: Member Cunningham-Denning

Team: Member Friedenbach, Chair Williams

What's in last year's budget?

- Treatment Beds
- Street Response
- Case Management
- Drop In Services
- Site Acquisition
- DPH Allocated Costs

OCOH Objectives: Mental Health

Racial Equity

1. Provide culturally competent services that meet the needs of the transgender community, youth, and families with children.

Wide Array of Programs Respond to Diverse Needs

2. Expand street-based services.

3. Increase residential and drop in behavioral health treatment services.

4. Offer specialized temporary and long-term housing options for people with significant needs.

Permanent Housing & System Flow

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Bring Resources to Scale

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3. Increase residential and drop-in behavioral health treatment services.

Mental Health: Challenges and Opportunities

- Budget shortfall / revenue uncertainty
- Shortage of mental health clinicians
- Opportunity to deploy a diverse and culturally competent staff working with unhoused people through CBO contracting.

Mental Health: Priorities and Recommendations

Recommend continuing implementation of the FY 23-24 spending plan using reserves if necessary.

- Dollars have tangible impacts in the community and need them right now to do the work.

Recommend ongoing behavioral health care opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.

- Sustain ongoing and long-term behavioral health care programming that is accessible to people experiencing homelessness.

Recommend prioritizing funding for bringing treatment beds to scale.

- Scale the system to meet the need.

Recommend prioritizing investments in mental health services for homeless youth, particularly LGTBQA+ young people.

- The Needs Assessment found that homeless youth are even more likely than adults to identify as LGTBQA+, and a desire for mental health services.

Mental Health: Priorities and Recommendations

Recommend Assertive Outreach coupled with ongoing case management should remain a high priority to build trust and meet the needs that are visible on the street.

Committee Members also suggested that one-time crisis response services are a lower-priority than continuous behavioral health care.

Mental Health: Expand, if funding is available

Mental Health services at Youth Navigation Center.

- Builds upon Needs Assessment findings re: youth and mental health services.
- Homeless youth are more likely to identify as LGBTQIA+